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Chairs of the Appropriations Committee Senators Osten and Formica and
Representative Walker and Committee Members

I am a parent who has had three children attend the play & learn group at Plainville Family Resource Network. I supported the last fight for the budget and I am here now to support this fight once again. My children have fond memories of going to play & learn group, and the program helped to build a strong foundation for their education and also developed friendships that my three boys still have. I myself, developed relationships with moms and dads that I still have today. Not only is it play & learn, it's the after school activities that the children look forward to. What about the parents that benefit from the parenting classes, ESL and the many more support groups that this program offers? If this budget is cut, it affects a community, a small close knit community. It will take away from the children and family's that work hard to build a solid foundation for their children's education and future. I urge you not to cut the budget. These are our future leaders we are hurting if programs like Plainville Family Resource Network can no longer run because of budget cuts.

Sincerely,
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